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SUBJECT: YOUNG/MEGUID ON SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SYG'S
REPORT ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE

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1. AMB YOUNG REVIEWED REFTTEL POINTS ON POSSIBLE TIMING
OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH AMB MEGUID ON MARCH 21
FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL'S FIRST SESSION ON QUESTION
OF SOUTH AFRICA. NEGUID REMARKED THAT EGYPT WAS OPENMINDED
ON TIMING OF SC MEETING ON SYG'S REPORT AND COULD
APPRECIATE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF DELAYING, ALTHOUGH
MID-APRIL, WHEN THE SYG WOULD RETURN TO NEW YORK, APPEARED
TO EGYPT TO BE TOO FAR AWAY. MEGUID SUGGESTED THAT HE
WOULD DISCUSS TIMING OF DEBATE ON SYG'S REPORT WITH BENIN
WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLY HOLDING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL ON
MARCH 28 - APRIL 1. MEGUID CONTINUED THAT IN THIS WAY THE SYG
COULD OPEN THE DEBATE WITH A BRIEF STATEMENT BEFORE LEAVING FOR
HIS EUROPEAN TRIP, MARCH 29. MEGUID ADDED THAT HE WOULD WORK
CLOSELY WITH THE OTHER ARAB DELEGATIONS AND THE NONALIGNED
TO CONFINE THE DEBATE TO THE SYG'S REPORT AND TO ADOPT A
CONSENSUS STATEMENT THAT COULD BE AGREED TO BY ALL.
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2. AFTER YOUNG REPEATED POINT OF IMPORTANCE OF US
AND EGYPT NOT FINDING THEMSELVES IN OPPOSING POSITIONS
AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE EVE OF SADAT'S VISIT,
MEGUID OBSERVED THAT THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF
POSTPONING THE DEBATE UNTIL AFTER THE VISIT. MEGUID
AND YOUNG AGREED TO CONFER LATER AFTER BOTH HAD CHANCE

OF DISCUSSING WITH BENIN.

3. COMMENT: ON DEPARTURE AMB MEGUID AND EGYPTIAN
MISSION COUNSELOR SUGGESTED US VIEWS ON POSSIBLE DELAYING
DEBATE BE TAKEN UP IN CAIRO. WE REPLIED THAT WE HOPED
THAT EGYPTIAN MISSION WOULD CONVEY US VIEWPOINT ON THIS TO CAIRO.
COUNSELOR NODDED BUT SAID IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO PRESENT
THESE MATTERS DIRECTLY IN CAIRO AS WELL. IN RESPONSE
TO OUR FURTHER EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF A
NONSUBSTANTIVE CONSENSUS STATEMENT, EGYPTIAN COUNSELOR
INFERRED THAT ELEMENTS FROM LAST NOVEMBER'S SC CONSENSUS
STATEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT BE PROPOSED
BY EGYPT.
YOUNG

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